

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for feeding bags (1) having a spout (2) to a star-type reel stand, a guide rail (4) cooperating with the spouts (2) being provided for moveably holding the bags (1) and ~~which has~~having a removal end (8),

~~characterised in that~~wherein

an overslide (7) is provided which grips the bags (1) on the spout (2) in the region of the removal end (8) of the guide rail (4), and a drive (9) which moves the overslide (7) between a removal position (10) on the removal end (8) of the guide rail (4) and a feed position (11) on ~~the~~a circular path of ~~the~~ holding elements (12) of the star-type reel stand (3).

2. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the overslide (7) has an active mechanical gripping mechanism.

3. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the gripping mechanism forms a gap (17) which can be varied in size for holding the spout (2).

4. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the overslide (7) has an upper part (14) with a downwardly pointing end portion (16) and a lower part moveably mounted relative to the upper part (14), the gap (17) being formed between the downwardly pointing end portion (16) and ~~the~~a lower part (15).

5. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the lower part (15) is mounted on a rail which is fixed relative to the upper part (14).

6. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 5,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the overslide (7) is disposed transversely to the guide rail (4).

7. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 6,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the overslide (7) is spaced apart from the removal end (8) of the guide rail (4) by a distance smaller than a spout width.

8. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 6,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein a pivotable locking element is provided on the removal end (8) of the guide rail (4).

9. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of Claims 4 to 8,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the drive (9) is connected to the lower part (15)

of the overslide (7).

10. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of Claims 3 to 9,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the gap (17) is formed such that the spout (2)
can be gripped in an upper region, in particular in the region of the thread (23), and a
lower region for holding in the corresponding holding element (12) of the star-type
reel stand (3) remains free.

11. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 10,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the drive (9) is mechanically coupled to the a
drive or the a central axis of the star-type reel stand (3).

12. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 11,~~
~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the drive (9) is designed such that a continuous
rotation movement of the a central axis of the startype reel stand (3) is transformed
into a cyclical reciprocating movement of the overslide (7), ~~in particular of the lower
part (15).~~

13. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 12, ~~characterised in
that~~wherein the drive (9) is designed such that there is a pause between the
reciprocating movement.

14. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 12, wherein ~~or 13,~~

~~characterised in that~~ the drive (9) is designed such that ~~The~~ the device achieves between 220 and 280 cycles per minute, ~~and in particular 250 cycles per minute.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of Claims 11 to 14,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 11, wherein a double cam driven by the drive or the central axis of the star-type reel stand (3) is provided which co-operates with a rocker (20) connected to the overslide (7), ~~in particular the lower part (15).~~

16. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 15,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein a cyclical linear drive is provided which moves the bags (1) in the guide rail (4) towards the overslide (7).

17. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cyclical linear drive comprises a push-in finger (6) which applies pressure in the direction of the overslide (7) to bags (1) located in the guide rail (4).

18. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 17,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the star-type reel stand (3) has several inner carrousels (13).